

is a false civilization; it will inevitably lead to social and political depravity, while the mere education of the mind, on principles which do not recognize God as He has revealed Himself to us, as the Author of all things, and the Sovereign to whom the allegiance of every heart is due, will only increase the evils of such a state.

The Heart and Mind must be educated together—and the more we learn, the more should we honor and reverence the Infinite Mind.

In regard to Books, it is hardly necessary for me to repeat my former recommendations.

The full series of *N. C. Readers* is not yet in type for these reasons, viz:—It is necessary for me to examine everything as it passes through the press, and it has been uncertain, for several months, what changes would be made in the School Laws, and in the officers of the law. As you are aware, there has also been a severe pressure among business men at the North; and the past season has not been one favorable to new enterprises. The Assembly did me the honor of continuing me in office without opposition; and as the financial embarrassments of the country are wearing off, the Readers will be immediately printed.

In the meantime, the children can use such Readers as are on hand; and they can easily be classified in the Bible, which all ought to have, and which, no doubt, nearly all do possess.

In preparing other readers it is not intended to supersede the use of this; and it is not, in my judgment, an evidence of good taste or sound sense to suppose that the inspired Scriptures are not proper standards of style for those learning to read. The Bible, and only the Bible, answers the very first questions that occur to the human mind as it begins to learn to reason and reflect; and many of you, doubtless, know from experience, that it is to the very youngest what it ought to be all, the most interesting reading Book in the world. Perhaps the multiplication of other School Books, and the attempts to form and reform the hearts of the young by human inventions and rules of morals not accompanied with the idea of Divine Sanction, of man's natural depravity, and of a Divine Atonement, have greatly helped to form that New England